

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office action of December 27, 2002. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect to prosecute one of two groups of claims identified in the Office Action as follows:

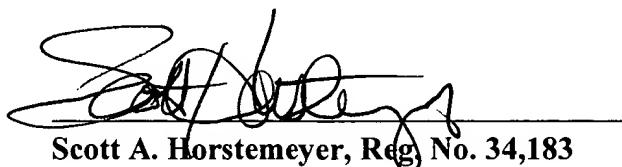
Group I is the embodiment shown in Figure 2 which includes claims 1-22, 7; and

Group II is the embodiment shown in Figure 6 which includes claims 23-32-, 33-39.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant respectfully elects to prosecute the claims of the embodiment shown in Figure 2 (claims 1-22, 7), without traverse. Applicant expressly reserves the right to present the non-elected claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequent to the present application.

If there are any questions concerning this response, or any other aspect of the application, then the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,



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